



Kid City Summer Camp Counselor-in-Training Application



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Kid City Summer Camp ☐ City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation ☐ 401 N. Morton, Ste. 250
Bloomington, IN 47401 ☐ phone: 812-349-3731 ☐ fax: 812-349-3785
email: stokerk@bloomington.in.gov ☐ www.bloomington.in.gov/kidcity

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date of Birth : __/__/____ Gender: M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Work/Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the program?

Have you been a CIT at Kid City before? Yes No If yes, when?

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out all Personal Information and Education Information.
2. Answer all General Questions.
3. Attach an essay response to one of the topics given in this application.
4. You will need two recommendations to be considered for the CIT program. There are two recommendation forms in this application packet. One recommender must be a **current or former teacher**. The other recommender must **be someone who knows you through involvement in your community**, i.e. a coach, someone you volunteer for, someone from church, or someone you have worked for. Relatives are not to be recommenders.
5. Once you have your completed application, recommendations, and essay, submit all parts of your application **by April 3, 2015** by mail or fax to:

City of Bloomington
Parks and Recreation
401 N. Morton, Ste. 250
Bloomington, IN 47401
812-349-3785

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Favorite Classes: _____

Additional School Activities:

GENERAL QUESTIONS

In what types of recreational activities and sports do you participate?

What experiences have you had working with others (i.e. babysitting, community service, sports teams, scouting, etc.)?

What qualities do you think a good counselor should have?

Why do you want to be a CIT (include what specific skills you would like to gain from being a CIT and what goals being a CIT can help you reach)?

What do you feel you can contribute to the CIT program?

If you are a returning CIT, what would you do differently to make your experience more valuable and worthwhile? Write N/A if warranted.

Is there anything else you feel it is important for us to know about you?

ESSAY TOPICS

You will need to write an essay response to one of the two topics listed below. In the heading of your essay, please let us know which topic you are addressing. Your essay should consist of 500-750 thoughtful words.

Topic 1: Does any specific attribute, quality, or skill distinguish you from everyone else? How did you develop this attribute?

Topic 2: What are the most important extracurricular or community activities that you have participated in? What made you join these activities? What do you find is the value of being a part of this group?

By signing below I am affirming that the responses in this application are all true and all contents are original thoughts from the applicant.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Kid City Summer Camp Counselor-in-Training **Recommendation**



RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. To the best of your ability, please respond to all of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper based on your relationship with the applicant in either a letter format or a list format.
2. Please attach your answers or letter to this signed form.
3. You will return the recommendation to the applicant who will submit the recommendation along with the other application materials.

Recommender's Name:

Applicant's Name:

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1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
 2. Why do you believe this person would be interested in a CIT program?
 3. What leadership skills and experience does this applicant possess?
 4. How does the applicant relate to his/her peers?
 5. How does the applicant interact with authority figures and/or supervisors?
 6. Why would the applicant be a good caregiver and role model for young children in a recreation setting?
 7. Tell us about the applicant's level of maturity, responsibility, and enthusiasm.
 8. What would the applicant contribute to the program?

Signature of Recommender

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